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1. DR. RICHARD LERT, BORN VIENNA, 1885, NATURALIZED AMERICAN CITIZEN 1938; RETIRE LAST YEAR AS CONDUCTOR PASADENA SYMPHONY, DOES GUEST CONDUCTING AND PARTICIPATES EACH SUMMER IN AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA LEAGUE' S CONDUCTORS WORKSHOP. HE IS INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH UNIVERSITIES ON A CONSULTATION BASIS OR CONDUCTING WORKSHOPS. HAS GREAT REPUTATION AS TEACHER OF CONDUCTORS. HOME ADDRESS BUNKER HILL TOWERS, 800 WEST 1 ST ST., APARTMENT 2303, LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 90012.

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2. DANIEL DOMB, ISRAELI BORN, NATURALIZED AMERICAN CITIZEN, ABOUT 28 YEARS OLD, FORMERLY AT OBERLIN CONSERVATORY AND NOW AT BALDWIN- WALLACE COLLEGE, BEREA, OHIO; HAS VERY GOOD RATING FROM DEPT' S MUSIC ADVISORY PANEL.

3. MARIO DI BONAVENTURA, U. S. BORN, PROFESSOR OF MUSIC AT DARTMOUTH. IN 1965 THE MUSIC PANEL CONSIDERED HIM FAVORABLY AS LECTURER BUT HIS ABILITY AS A CONDUCTOR WAS GENERALLY NOT KNOWN. ONE MEMBER SAID HE IS ABLE BUT NOT OUTSTANDING.

4. BLANCA URIBE, BORN IN COLOMBIA, PRESENTLY RESIDING IN BOGOTA, ATTENDED JUILLIARD, WON THIRD PRIZE IN VAN CLIBURN COMPETITION 1971. NO MUSIC PANEL EVALUATION AVAILABLE. RUSH
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ROMPHASIS ON " RULE OF LAW" AND CONSTITUTIONALISM. UNFORTUNATELY, PRIMIN' S PERSONAL STYLE AND STRAIN OF UNACCUSTOMED LONG HOURS CREATES DIFFICULTIES FOR SOME OF HIS ASSOCIATES. WHILE HE UNDERSTANDS AND ARTICULATES NEED FOR DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY AND FOR " MANAGEMENT REFORM" OF ARCHAIC GOVERNMENT MECHANISMS, HIS SECRETIVE, AUTHORITATIVE PERSONAL STYLE AND HIS INACCESSIBILITY TO KEY COLLEAGUES FOR FAIRLY LONG PERIODS CLEARLY HAMPERS EFFECTIVENESS. HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO PUBLIC RELATIONS FACTOR, SHAFIQ IS TRYING TO OPEN NEW CHANNELS FOR COMMUNICATIONS WITH POPULACE IN THIS TRADITIONALLY SECRETIVE SOCIETY. GOVERNMENT TELLS PEOPLE MORE OF WHAT IT IS DOING THAN HAS EVER BEEN DONE BEFORE VIA PRESS CONFERENCES AND RADIO TALKS. THUS FAR, PRIMIN APPEARS TO RETAIN KING ZAHIR' S FULL SUPPORT. HOWEVER, SHAFIQ' S DRIVING LEADERSHIP AND SYSTEMATIC APPROACH TO PROBLEMS, PLUS SHORT RIME SPAN BEFORE FALL ELECTIONS, MEANS THAT TOO MANY SACRED COWS MAY BE DISTURBED SIMULTANEOUSLY.
B. DOMESTIC AFFAIRS:
(1) LAST TWO PRIME MINISTERS FAILED LARGELY BECAUSE OF THEIR INABILITY EITHER GET ALONG WITH PARLIAMENT OR MOVE PARLIAMENT WITH THE, OR FOR THAT MATTER, SIMPLY TO MOVE. AFGHAN PARLIAMENT COMPRISES AN ALMOST ANARCHICAL GROUP WITH HIGHLY INDIVIDUALISTIC OUTLOOKS, WITHOUT POLITICAL PARTIES-- HENCE NO PARTY DISCIPLINE. SHAFIQ ACUTELY AWARE OF DANGER, AND NOW APPROACHING HIS FIRST PARLIAMENTARY TESTS WITH COMBINATION OF ELABORATE FORMAL DEFERENCE TO PARLIAMENTARY PREROGATIVES AND VIGOROUS PRIVATE LOBBYING EFFORT, BACKED AS NEEDED BY PALACE. PARLIAMENTARY AGENDA LOADED WITH AMBITIOUS AND UNPRECEDENTED LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM WHICH CONSITUTES BEGINNING OF MAJOR REFORM EFFORT FOR AFGHANISTAN GOVERNMENT AND SOCIETY. MANY ENLIGHTENED AFGHANS
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CONSIDER PROGRAM NECESSARY; BUT PRIMIN' S UNPRECEDENTED DRIVE AGAINST CORRUPTION, THE FIRST EVER, ADDS TO WIDESPREAD APPREHENSIONS. AMONG OTHERS, MANY PROVINCIAL DEPUTIES ARE SUSPICIOUS OF POTENTIAL IMPACT ON THEIR POWER AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRAFT. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS ARE DUE LATER THIS YEAREM AND SHAFIQ AND PALACE WILL LIKELY MAKE MORE THAN USUAL EFFORT ENSURE ELECTION OF DEPUTIES FAVORABLY INCLINDED TOWARD GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, TOO OBVIOUS INTERVENTION COULD REBOUND TO SHAFIQ' S FUTURE DETRIMENT.

(2) AFGHAN " LEFT" IS ONLY ORGANIZED POLITICAL FORCE IN COUNTRY; AND, WHILE ORGANIZATION RELATIVELY INFORMAL (AND FRAGMENTED), LEFTIST ELEMENTS WOULD HAVE JUMP ON OTHER POLITICAL GROUPINGS WERE POLITICAL PARTIES AUTHORIZED. THIS FEAR CONTINUES TO INHIBIT KING FROM SIGNING BILL PASSES THREE YEARS AGO AUTHORIZING POLITICAL PARTIES, ALTHHOUGH ISSUE REMAINS VERY MUCH ALIVE.

(3) OVERALL, SHAFIQ IS UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE ON VARIETY OF FRONTS AS HIS REFORM PROGRAM BEGINS TO BITE. ONE UNHAPPY RESULT IS HIS RIGID STAND AGAINST ALL FOREIGN CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY ACTIVITY, A STAND LARGELY DICTATED BY NEED DEMONSTRATE ISLAMIC ORTHODOXY TO PACIFY REACTIONARY RIGHT. WHETHER HE MASTERS VARIOUS PRESSURES AND PARLIAMENT, OR THEY MASTER HIM, CILL CAST LONG SHADOW OVER FUTURE OF KING ZAHIR' S " DEMOCRATIC EXPERIMENT", NOW ALMOST TEN YEARS OLD.

C. FOREIGN POLICY

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